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This home has shingle roof, vinyl siding, dishwasher, 18 cu ft refrigerator, electric range, thermopane windows, Energy Star.

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Support is Needed for Operation Christmas Miracle, Can You Help?

Each year this event brings a Christmas meal and new toys to Anson families in need. Event is partnered with Toys for Tots.

Pastor Steve Adams of Harvest Outreach Ministries (HMOC) in Wadesboro said, "As you may know, Harvest Ministries / Operation R.E.A.C.H exists to be an outreach and a hand extended to our community. Throughout the year various programs, activities, and events are planned to assist those in need throughout our county and region. One of the highlights of our year is Christmas.

Operation Christmas Miracle is held every year during the holiday season. This year's event will be held on Sunday December 18 at 10:30 a.m. here at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center. We will be sending buses and vehicles out this day, bringing in hundreds to make this Christmas unforgettable. We have partnered with Toys for Tots to reach even more families and children!"

Here is what takes place at this community supported event: various businesses, individuals, and agencies join together to provide new bicycles, toys, and other gifts to hundreds of children who may not have Christmas without the help of others. Through the years HMOC has given away hundreds of bicycles, toys, and more to thousands of children. A delicious Christmas meal is also prepared with the help of many local restaurants, grocery stores and others. Adams added, "The look on a child's face when you present them with a shiny new bicycle is worth more than any amount of money."

Last year, through the generosity of corporations, companies, businesses and individual donors, HMOC was able to feed over 650 children and families a Christmas meal. In addition, hundreds of gifts and toys were distributed, including bicycles, remote control cars, baby dolls, and lots more. Can you help this worthwhile local outreach with a donation?

Adams continued, "I am requesting that area businesses make a donation of \$100 to assist in the purchasing of toys, bicycles, and more for this great event. Whatever amount you are able to contribute would be much appreciated and needed! Again, with your help we can provide gifts, smiles, and a hot Christmas meal to thousands of individuals this holiday season! And, individual donors, anything you can contribute will be put to great use for this event. I thank you for your time and consideration. In order to have everything in order and ready to give to the children, we are asking that all donations be received no later than Friday December 16."

All gifts are tax deductible, as HMOC is a non-profit organization. If you have any question please feel free to contact Pastor Steve Adams at 704-695-2879 or via email at pastorsteve@harvestmin.com.

"Again, thank you for your help in making Christmas possible for many children and their families," concluded Adams.

Sheriff Reid Offers Tips for Safe Shopping During the Holidays

"The holiday season is right around the corner and shoppers are crowding malls and discount stores to buy the latest gadgets and find the best deals," said Anson County Sheriff Landric Reid. But what shoppers are neglecting is their safety. According to Sheriff Reid "This time of year attracts more shopping-related criminal activity because of the larger crowds and the extended store hours. These factors and the usual distraction of shopping, creates a more favorable environment for petty thieves and other offenders."

The Sheriff reminds all Anson County residents to follow these safety tips:

Shopping Safety

- A single shopper is the best target for theft. Always shop with a friend or relative.
- When going shopping, tell someone where you are going and what time to expect you to return. Also, make sure they know what you are wearing, as well as the type of vehicle you are driving.
- Shop during daylight hours. If you shop at night, park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
- Dress casually and comfortably and avoid wearing expensive jewelry. If carrying cash, keep it in your front pocket rather than in a purse or wallet. This makes it much more difficult for a pick-pocket to remove. Also store car keys in a pants or jacket pocket. If your purse is stolen, you will still be able to drive home.
- Pay careful attention to your surroundings and avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- When returning to your vehicle, check around it and in the back seat. Be aware of strangers approaching you for any reason. Have your car keys in your hand to avoid spending unnecessary time unprotected from the security of your vehicle.

- If you feel uneasy returning to your vehicle alone, find a security guard and ask them to walk you to your car.

According to Sheriff Reid, "During this time of year, busy holiday shoppers become careless and vulnerable to other crimes as well. Credit card fraud and gift card fraud are on the rise. However, taking a few preventive measures can help."

Credit Card Fraud

- Keep a close watch on your credit card every time you use it, and make sure you get it back as quickly as possible.
- Never write your PIN number on your credit card.
- Never leave your credit cards or receipts lying around.
- Shield your credit card number so that others around you can't copy it or capture it on a mobile telephone or other camera.
- Only carry credit cards that you absolutely need.
- Shred anything with your credit card number written on it.
- If you're planning to purchase online, make sure the web page where you enter your credit card information is secure through SSL (Secure Socket Layer). You can tell if the web page is secure by looking for the gold lock or key icon at the bottom corner of your browser window.
- If you're not comfortable submitting your information through the internet, call the seller and give them your information over the telephone. Never send your credit card information via email.
- Check the company out. Only do business with companies that provide a physical address and telephone number.
- Keep good records. Always print out a copy of any online products or services you purchase.

Gift Card Fraud

- Never buy gift cards from online auction sites. This is a large source of gift card fraud. Many of the gift cards are stolen, counterfeit or used.
- Only buy gift cards directly from the store issuing the gift card or from a secure retailer's website.
- Don't buy gift cards off of publicly displayed racks in retail stores. Only purchase gift cards at the sales terminal from the cashier.
- Always carefully examine both the front and back of a gift card before you buy it. If you see a PIN number, ask for a different card. If the card looks like it has been tampered with in any way, put it back.
- Always ask the store cashier to scan the gift card in front of you. This will guarantee that your card is valid when you buy it and that it reflects the balance you just charged it with.
- Always keep your receipt as a proof of purchase as long as there is money stored on the gift card.
- If possible, register your gift card at the store's website.
- Never give your Social Security number, date of birth or any other unneeded private information when purchasing a gift card.



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Christmas in the Park

AT HATCHER PARK IN LILESVILLE



You are invited...Monday, Dec 12 6-8pm


The Town of Lilesville will be celebrating their first 'Christmas in the Park' event at Hatcher Park on Monday, December 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. A community children's choir will open the festivities with Christmas carols. A photo booth with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be available for all kids, and a free photo will be given to each child. All the kids can also enjoy a fun train ride around the beautifully decorated park. Hot chocolate, apple cider and cookies will be served.

Following the Christmas Carols will be the tree lighting ceremony.

If you have a child in grades kindergarten through high school who would like to sing in the choir, please have them come to practice at Lilesville Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, December 6 at 6 p.m. and Thursday, December 8 at 6 p.m. Mrs. Gina Clarke will be leading the choir.

In the event of inclement weather Santa Claus will be located in Fire Department for photos with children. For more information call Lynn Whitlock at 704-848-4711

Anson County Tax Collector PROPERTY TAX REMINDER



REMEMBER .. ANSON COUNTY TAXES ARE DUE NOW!


Please see that all of your Anson County Property Taxes are paid in full by January 5, 2017 to avoid added interest expense

Also, if you wish to use property taxes as an income tax deduction, payments should be made by December 31, 2016.

Please don't be delinquent. Mail your payment to:

Anson County Tax Collector
101 South Greene Street
Wadesboro, NC 28170
Telephone 704-994-3218

Or visit the office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
An after hours drop box is available too. Thank you.



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